

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This proposed legislation will provide statutory authority to the Industrial Commission to utilize and/or develop a fee for service schedule for benefits paid on behalf of crime victims that is consistent with fair market value and other government and private benefit programs. It also includes a provision that prohibits service providers from billing victims for any covered expense that is in excess of the charge allowable under the fee schedule and allows service providers to bill for those costs that are not covered by CVCP due to reductions in benefit eligibility related to statutory and rule requirements. This proposed legislation gives the Industrial Commission authority to adopt or develop a fee schedule to administer benefits.

FISCAL NOTE

There will be no impact to the General Fund. The Crime Victims' Compensation Program is a dedicated fund agency funded by fines and penalties assessed on criminal convictions. This proposed legislation will have a positive impact on the Crime Victims' Compensation Fund by providing cost containment for services paid by the program, limiting expenses to those more consistent with market value and other government and private benefit programs.

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